



## **THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF THE DOMINICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT - ORDER OF PREACHERS**

in fulfillment of the statutory mandate and the will of the last International Elective Assembly, hereby promulgates the following,

### **LETTER OF CONVOCATION OF THE IDYM INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The last International Elective Assembly of IDYM, held virtually between July and August 2022, decided to give a mandate to the International Commission to organize an Extraordinary International Assembly to review the Statutes. Therefore we are responsible for convening the International Assembly (Art. 3.7 Statutes) which we hereby convene in the terms contained herein,

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in us by this office, we convene and indicate that the XIV International Assembly of IDYM, will be held from 06 to 09 August 2023, in the city of Lisbon (Portugal).

1. As provided, all Assembly Members shall submit by Monday March 20th, virtually, through the Single Registration Form, the appropriate credentials attesting their status as Assembly Members to this International Commission as indicated on the Form. Since this is not an Elective Assembly, members of the International Commission will be full right members of the gathering. For the sake of clarity regarding the next International Assembly, the following shall have a voice and a vote as referred to in Art. 4.1 of the Statutes as delegates of their National Movements, namely:

*“(...) The representatives are elected by the groups in each country. The election procedures would be specified in the internal rules of the groups or of the National Coordination. In the Assembly each country has the right to have only one representative with voice when members are less than 100, an additional representative above this number of members”*

2. On Sunday August 6th the International Assembly will begin with the celebration of Vespers in common with the Dominican Family. In the previous work of the Commissions the lines of action, preliminary research, outlines of work and drafts of initial texts will have been established. The International Assembly will conclude at noon on Wednesday August 9th 2023.

**3.** Members of the Dominican Family may participate in the Assembly as advisers (special guests invited by the International Commission) or observers (just by being present at the time and venue of the event in Lisbon, with previous registration) according to Art. 4.5 of the Statutes. The Dominican Family is invited to participate in this meeting and to let us know in advance through the Registration Form. Spaces for liturgical celebration, common prayer, formation and fraternal exchange will be open to them as well.

**4.** The preparatory work for this Assembly will begin on Monday April 3rd 2023, with the publication of the calendar of continental meetings for listening and participation as well as supplementary information. With a rapporteur appointed by the International Commission to assist logistically in the preparation and organization of each meeting, these will be open, consultative in nature and with the aim of gathering proposals and ideas for the International Assembly. Because of their inclusive and non-binding character, any young person identified with the Order will be able to participate in them and in the discussion that takes place. The end of the consultative stage of the preliminary work will give way to the formal stage of preparation for the meeting with the establishment of the Working Committees.

**5.** In order to facilitate the work of this International Assembly, the International Commission, by virtue of the exercise of the attributions proper to its office (Art. 4.1 Statutes) and the mandate of the last International Assembly, will form and set up the Working Committees prior to the holding of the meeting.

**6.** The Working Committees will start their work on Monday June 5th 2023, online. They shall be composed of full right members of the Assembly as well as observers and/or special advisors belonging to the Dominican Family. Only Assembly members will have the right to vote in them. The chairman of each committee shall be appointed by the International Commission, but each committee shall select a secretary from their own members as soon as possible once they have been established.

**7.** The outlines of work of each commission as well as the information to be published in advance shall be sent to the International Commission for final approval and translation by Monday, July 3rd 2023. The approved material will be published and sent to the assembly members before their arrival in Lisbon, accompanied by a detailed agenda of the meeting.

As this process is carried out, the International Commission may make minor modifications to this schedule as well as communicate and inform the members of any data that may be necessary for the proper functioning of the preparation and holding of the Assembly.

We beseech you to persevere in the Lord's grace, secure of the company of our father St. Dominic, who in his last words has given us great hope of the Lord's blessings through his intercession. We entrust the celebration of this Assembly to your prayers and those of all the saints of the Dominican Family and the patrons of the World Youth Day.

Given on Monday, February 13th, 2023. Feast of Blessed Jordan of Saxony.

**The IDYM International Commission,**



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